

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUGUST 21, 2012**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

Members present: Dr. Jeff Root, President; Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President; Dr. Shelly Perrin, Secretary.; Ms. Terri King, Mr. Billy Groom, and Mr. Rodney Moore.
Member absent: Ms. Nell Everett

The Board president called the meeting to order and established a quorum with six (6) members present. The minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2012, and special meetings of July 17 (workshop) and August 7 were approved as presented.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

During the Report of Excellence, Dr. Virginia Anderson provided a presentation regarding the recent honors received by Arkadelphia's Alternative Classroom Environment at the state conference for the program. Ms. Judith Davis, ACE teacher, was also present for the recognition for the program being in the top twenty schools in both mathematic and literacy score improvements.

The following employees were honored with a plaque and lifetime athletic pass upon their recent retirement from the District: Ms. Barbara Hesse, teacher – 17 years; Ms. Ethel Horton, teacher – 31 years; and Mr. Chris Arnold, custodian – 15 years.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the financial statements of the District. Mr. Whitten stated that the District Budget Committee will be meeting prior to presentation of the proposed 2012-13 budget to the Board at the September regular board meeting.

DELETION OF FIXED ASSETS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried 6-0 to approve the deletion of fixed asset items valued at \$2500 or more from the District inventory.

APPROVAL OF EXTRA-DUTY OVER CONTRACT PAY

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Perrin, and carried 6-0 to approve certified and classified payment over contract for 2011-12.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION INFORMATION

The Superintendent reported that the annual school election will be conducted on Tuesday, September 18 from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Arkadelphia Recreation Center for the open positions, six and seven. Candidates who filed prior to the required deadline were: Position Six: Karrie Goodman and January Schultz; Position Seven: Terri King.

BOARD MEETING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING

The Board gave consensus to setting the date of Tuesday, September 25 for the regular September board meeting due to the annual school election being held on the third Tuesday, regular board meeting date.

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Whitten explained the requirement for all school districts to present a report to the public at an annual meeting with an overview of required reporting items. The date the Board gave consensus to was set for the September regular board meeting, Tuesday, September 25 at 5:00 p.m.

SCHOOL OPENING UPDATE

An update on school opening was presented by the Superintendent. Mr. Whitten reported that the early enrollment report showed 1959, an increase of 16 over the first day of school in 2011.

AGENDA ITEM ADDITION

A motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 6-0 to add agenda item #8, "Revision of Classified Payscale."

REVISION OF CLASSIFIED Payscale

A motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 6-0 to approve revision of the classified payscale to add the position approved in July by the Board - Director of Communications - as Category "E" under the Classified Supervisor Personnel section.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session at 6:22 p.m. to consider recommendations for employment. In open session following executive session, the following actions were approved:

EMPLOYMENT

- A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Perrin, and carried 6-0 to employ: **Judith Davis**, part-time ALE lead teacher; 191-day contract – at scale; effective 8-22-12
- A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried 6-0 to employ: **Sean Ruggles**, Director of Communications; 240-day contract – at scale' effective August 30.
- A motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 6-0 to employ **Mark Coon**, paraprofessional (AHS); 191-day contract – at scale; effective 8-16-12.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

DR. SHELLY PERRIN, SECRETARY